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SUBJECT: MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF UN CONFERENCE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

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1. EMBOFF AND USAID OFFICIAL MET WITH DR. PATRICK A. MUNROE,
SECRETARY GENERAL NATIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL AND
GOG OFFICIAL MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH UNCSTD, TO DISCUSS
POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL. AFTER BRIEFING MUNROE ON US
POSTURE TO UNCSTD, AS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL, AND
US THINKING RE PREP COM, AS SET OUT IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL,
MUNROE EXPRESSED HIS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH US POSITION
THAT SUBJECT AREAS OF CONFERENCE SHOULD ADDRESS ROLE OF
S AND T IN MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS IN THE LDCS AND THE
MEANS TO STRENGTHEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN LDCS TO GENERATE
AND SUSTAIN OWN S AND T CAPABILITIES. HOWEVER, HE
STRESSED THAT FINANCING WOULD BE NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH
THESE GOALS, AND THEREFORE ISSUE OF FINANCING WOULD ALSO
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HAVE TO BE RAISED, IF THE CONFERENCE WERE NOT TO
DEGENERATE INTO A MERE "TALK SHOP". HE MENTIONED THAT
GUYANA WOULD MEET THE MAY 1 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF
NATIONAL PAPERS AND THAT WORK SHOPS WERE BEING PLANNED
TO FINALIZE THE DRAFT.

2. MORE GENERALLY, MUNROE COMMENTED THAT AS FAR AS HE

KNEW GUYANA WILL BE THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE CARIBBEAN TO MEET THE DEADLINE. HE REMARKED THAT CYNICISM AMONG MANY LDCS REGARDING OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE HAD INHIBITED, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING TRINIDAD, A SATISFACTORY EFFORT TO PREPARE FOR THE PREP COM. HE WELCOMED THE USG DETERMINATION TO WORK TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE.

3. REGARDING MAKEUP OF US DELEGATION, MUNROE COMMENTED THAT HE HAD MET AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI IN 1974 IN ZAMBIA. HE SAID THAT GUYANA'S DELEGATION WOULD BE CONSTITUTED NEXT WEEK, BUT THAT IT IS CERTAIN THAT DESMOND HOYTE, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WILL LED THE DELEGATION -- SEE BIO NOTE BELOW. FURTHER INFORMATION ON GUYANA'S DELEGATION WHEN AVAILABLE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

4. HUGH DESMOND HOYTE WAS BORN ON MARCH 9, 1929 IN GEORGETOWN. A LAWYER BY PROFESSION, HE WAS EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND MIDDLE TEMPLE FROM 1957-1960. HE WAS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN 1968 AND BECAME MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS IN 1969. OTHER CABINET PORTFOLIOS HE HAS HELD INCLUDE FINANCE (DECEMBER 1970-JULY 1972), WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (AUGUST 1972-SEPTEMBER 1974). HE BECAME MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SEPTEMBER OF 1974. HOYTE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY TO THE U.S., BUT HE IS SOMEWHAT RESERVED IN MEETINGS AND INCLINED TO BECOME TENSE UNDER STRESS, HOWEVER, IN SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES HE CAN BE AN AMUSING RACONTEUR. HE IS AN AVID READER AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH IS HIS AVOCATION.
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